THE SECOND DAY.

6th January, 1910.

The Assembly met at 11 A. M. on Thursday, the 6th January 1910.

The Memoranda of subjects received from the Members had been grouped under the heads of General and Local; and the former were first taken up.

GENERAL SUBJECTS.

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1. *The desirability of registering the trees standing on poramboke lands, such as field-bunds, etc., in the names of the persons who had planted them, at a reduced rate of pattom.*

I. Land Revenue, Survey and Settlement.

Mr. Sivathanu Pillai (Member, Tovala Taluk) said that the trees useful for green manure and those standing on *poramboke* lands, such as field and tank-bunds, were being taxed by the Revenue Department at higher rates than those at which more valuable trees had been assessed by the Settlement Department, and that, while the Settlement Department had classified all taxable trees for purposes of assessment according to their yield, no such classification was being made in the case of the non-taxable trees which were being assessed at a uniform rate by the Revenue Department, irrespective of their usefulness or otherwise. The Member therefore requested that these trees might be registered in the names of the persons who had planted them, at a reduced rate of *pattom*.

Dewan's reply.—In regard to those trees which have been dealt with by the Settlement Department, the *pattom* fixed by that Department cannot of course be altered. I see that the Member refers to trees which were not dealt with by the Settlement Department and whose *pattom* is now being fixed by the normal Revenue Department. This matter has to be left to the discretion of the local officers. It is inexpedient to issue any general order. The Peishkar reports that over two hundred cases have been disposed of by the Revenue Department and that the parties have accepted the rates of *pattom* fixed by the latter. Each case—in a matter like this—has to be dealt with on its own merits.

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